House Resolution No. 1618

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Henry Barnes of Bernie, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on April 21, 2007, at the Bernie Community Center; and

Whereas, on April 18, 1907, in Formosa, Arkansas, God brought a special gift to George Washington and Tennessee Barnes with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Henry, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Henry Barnes will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Sylvia DeWitt Barnes and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Henry Barnes has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include eight children, George "Lefty", Billy, Loretta, Jerry, Barbara, Larry, Gloria, and Danny; twenty grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Henry Barnes has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a farmer and a member of Bernie General Baptist Church and the ODD Fellow Lodge; and

Whereas, Henry Barnes has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include woodworking, squirrel hunting, fishing, and spending time with his loved ones; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Henry Barnes is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Henry Barnes at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Henry Barnes, as a measure of our esteem for him.

District No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1618, adopted March 29, 2007.